

# **Proposal for Establishment of a Technical CHAPTER within the Society for Computer Simulation (SCS) on “The Economics of Modeling and Simulation”**

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## **Mission:**

To investigate, analyze and articulate the economic aspects of modeling and simulation. The intent is to materially improve the understanding and appreciation of economic considerations within the simulation industry/marketplace and to facilitate the operation of simulation professionals and institutions in economic and business environments.

## **Agreement to SCS by laws:**

The structure and operation of the proposed CHAPTER will conform to the SCS bylaws.

## **Summary of Policies and Procedures:**

The following summation of CHAPTER strategic guidance is provided in lieu of detailed Policies and Procedures. That subsequent detailed guidance will be established by the working members of the CHAPTER in accordance with due process.

- The Mission of the CHAPTER shall be construed as its *raison detre*. If at any time the Mission shall become untenable or the CHAPTER shall undertake to address other missionary responsibilities, then the CHAPTER shall be dissolved and a new CHAPTER suitable to the alternative MISSION may be established.
- The Mission of the CHAPTER shall be pursued by any and all such means as are considered prudent and productive, consistent with the interests of the working members, the simulation industry, and conformant to the SCS by laws.
- The operation of the CHAPTER will be fully public, collegial, and ecumenical, admitting the widest range of opinion and scope of interest commensurate with reasonable practice and expectation of constructive results.
- The structure of the CHAPTER shall be minimally sufficient for intended operations.
- The technical Program of the CHAPTER shall be documented in such Plans as are necessary to clearly indicate: intended products

and results, operational activities necessary to achieve those results, anticipated activity schedules, and required resources; and to establish consensus and commitment within the CHAPTER on those products, activities, schedules and resources.

**Financial regulations:**

The activities of the CHAPTER shall be conducted insofar as possible as *pro bono publico* with no exclusory fees unless and until the need arises for explicit financial management. At that time, the CHAPTER membership shall determine the nature of such economic requirements and shall select from among reasonable alternative methods of meeting those requirements. At no time, however, shall unnatural barriers to entry and participation be established which can in any way be construed as limiting the free flow of ideas and the range of potential benefits of the CHAPTER to the simulation industry.

**Recommended Steering Committee**

- Chairman: Mr. Patrick M. Cannon, The AEGIS Technologies Group, Inc.
- Co-chairman: TBD

**Signatory SCS Members:**

Bill Waite	_____
Joe Gauthier	_____
Bruce Fairchild	_____